The Objections to the Location of the Leper Asylum at Adur.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

167. Will the Government be pleased to inform whether the sites now selected by the 20th October 1925 Notification under the Land Acquisition Regulation have been objected to by the people of the place, and if so, how the objections have been dealt with?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Two petitions complaining against the location of the Asylum at the place were received. They were on enquiry found to be baseless.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

May I know, Sir, what the objections were and whether they were truly enquired into?

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Those objections were from the adjacent landholders, i. e., the owners of adjacent lands.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

What are the objections?

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

The usual objection—the location of a Leper Asylum will cause inconvenience to them.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Are they the same objections as were raised by the Trichur people?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Not the same kind of objections.

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Those objections are from the owners of adjacent lands.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I do not know whether the officers of Government have answered the question "whether they are the same as the objections of the Trichur people?"

PRESIDENT.

They are not the same objections as of the Trichur people.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I am referring to the objections made by the people of the place with reference to the present site.

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PRESIDENT.

Have you any direct question ? " What are the objections with reference to the site proposed to be acquired at Adur " ? That is what the Diwan Peishkar is answering now. Now, he says there was an adjacent landowner who was raising objections.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

He gave me the author of the objections; but I want to know what the objections are.

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Inconvenience. He has made some valuable plantations, and if it is at Adur that the Leper Asylum is constructed, his property will be detrimentally affected.

PRESIDENT.

That is to say, instead of affecting the property detrimentally, he finds it inconvenient to improve his plantation with this Asylum close by. That is the objection.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

My further supplementary question was whether this objection is similar to the objections of the Trichur people—contaminating the place.

PRESIDENT.

The objections from Trichur are of a public nature and not of a personal nature. You must always make a difference between matters personal and public. Here it is one individual's grievance, and there it is the grievance of the public. That is the difference.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

There are two petitions mentioned in the answer.

PRESIDENT.

I remember only one.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

There were two petitions complaining against the location of the Leper Asylum.

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

All from adjacent landowners.

Mr. A. B. SALM.

Were there more than two men ?

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

Only two.

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DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

One man was raising serious objections.

PRESIDENT.

Mr. Ambooken was also asked to look into the matter after acquisition.

Mr. A B. SALEM.

May I understand that two individuals have objected ?

PRESIDENT.

Are they not different persons ?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

May be one.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No, not one.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

There can be a monster petition.

RAO SAHIB Mr. T. V. KASTURI RANGA AYYAR.

There is no monster petition, unless you take monsters there, because there are no human beings there. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

There are no human beings at Anappara also to object to its location.

PRESIDENT.

The Diwan Peishkar has made enquiries.

The Leper Asylum at Anappara.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

168. (a) Will the Government be pleased to inform the estimated cost for the present acquisition of the sites and for the Asylum buildings proposed to be erected therein ?

(b) The proposal they have, if any, for the utilisation of the completed Leper Asylum building at Anappara ?

(c) What objections the Government now have to re-examine the question of opening the Leper Asylum at Anappara itself ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The estimated cost of the acquisition of sites is about Rs 2,785. No estimate has yet been made for the construction of the buildings.

(b) There is a proposal to utilise the buildings as part of the First Grade College when the College is transferred to Anappara.

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